

REMARKS

Claims 11-25 are pending in this application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 15 and 18 are amended to make a correction in the antecedent basis for "global instruction code." Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER § 102/103

The Office Action rejects claims 11-18 as being anticipated by Rotenberg et al. and claims 19-22 as being rendered obvious by Rotenberg et al. in view of Patterson et al.

In response to Applicants' previous arguments, the Office Action asks: In "advance of" what is the step of sorting the plurality of executable instructions performed? In reply to this question, the relevant claims are amended to clarify that the step is performed "in advance of program execution."

Thus, the claimed invention is distinguished from Rotenberg, which combines executed instructions in sequence and stores them in a cache which are usable when executing the same disposition again. Rotenberg performs this process while the program is running. Rotenberg does not sort the instructions into a plurality of instruction groups in advance of program execution.

Further, the disclosure of Patterson fails to cure this deficiency of Rotenberg. As such, the suggested combination of Rotenberg and Patterson would not arrive at the claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Further, Applicants do not concede that Rotenberg discloses the decoder circuit of the claimed invention (as suggested by the Office Action). However, Applicants believe that the rejection is overcome by the above argument alone.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter in connection with this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to the Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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